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In the Claims:

- 1 1. (Currently amended) An elongated cutting tool intended to plunge cut a blind form in a bone
2 using a plurality of teeth (30, 130) arranged on the tool, at least one of the teeth being an
3 undercut tooth (30, 130) having a cutting edge (470, 570), the undercut tooth (30, 130) having a
4 profile defined substantially along a primary relief angle (480, 580) measured from a vertical
5 reference plane (477, 577) passing through the cutting edge (470, 570) and by a positive rake
6 angle (485, 585) measured from a horizontal reference plane (472, 572) passing through the
7 cutting edge (470, 570), wherein the undercut tooth has a ~~parabolic~~-non-circular relief (490, 590)
8 having an apex area which is parabolic in shape, along which bone chips are guided substantially
9 away from the bone being cut, thereby avoiding capturing debris in the teeth and, consequently,
10 avoiding overstressing the bone during cutting.
- 1 2. (original) The tool of claim 1, wherein the tool is a broach.
- 1 3. (original) The tool of claim 1, wherein the tool is a rasp.
- 1 4. (original) The tool of claim 3, wherein the teeth (130, 140) are arranged generally in a
2 diamond shape pattern oriented at an angle (160) in relationship to a drive axis (150).
- 1 5. (original) The tool of claim 4, wherein the angle is formed in a helix in which the teeth are
2 disposed about the tool in a helical pattern.
- 1 6. (original) The tool of claim 5, wherein the teeth are arranged so as to progressively increase in
2 size along the helix.
- 1 7. (original) The tool of claim 1, wherein the tool includes at least one chip breaker (40, 140).
- 1 8. (original) The tool of claim 2, wherein the tool includes at least one chip breaker (40, 140).
- 1 9. (original) The tool of claim 1, wherein a handle interface (220) is provided for attachment to a
2 modular handle interface.